



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the City Attorney's Office**

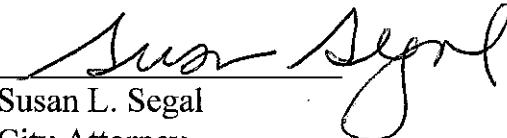

Date: October 2, 2014
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to:

Subject: Laurence N. Stewart v. City of Minneapolis
Court File No.: 7231046

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the settlement of this Workers' Compensation claim by payment of \$118,000.00 payable to Laurence N. Stewart and his attorney, Joyce Mellom, from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145675 and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

Previous Directives: None

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 Susan L. Segal
City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Susan L. Segal, City Attorney

Financial Impact:(Check those that apply)

- ☐ No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the _____ Capital Budget or _____ Operating Budget.
- ☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
- ☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
- ☐ Business Plan: _____ Action is within the plan. _____ Action requires a change to plan._
- ☒ Other financial impact (Explain): \$118,000.00 from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145675
- ☐ Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact: Other

Background/Supporting Information:

This claim arises out of multiple work related injuries suffered by Public Works employee Laurence N. Stewart during his employment with the Minneapolis Public Works Department from June 5, 2000 to the present. As a consequence of his many work-related injuries at the City of Minneapolis and corresponding permanent physical restrictions, Mr. Stewart is entitled to a number of benefits through workers' compensation.

The Workers' Compensation unit has been granted authority up to \$75,000.00 for settlement purposes. Any settlement that exceeds this authority must be approved by the council. Following extensive negotiations with his attorney, we have reached a tentative settlement of Mr. Stewart's workers' compensation claim on a full, final and complete basis in the amount of \$118,000.00. This proposed settlement has been discussed with the Public Works Department and they are in agreement with the terms. We believe that the settlement is in the best interests of the City and recommend approval by this Committee.

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